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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2405

House Bill No. 2152*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(30), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(30) "Nontraditional student" means a student who:

(A) Is an independent student, as determined by the FAFSA, and who meets the qualifications under § 49-4-931; or

(B) Enrolls in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible four-year postsecondary institution while maintaining continuous enrollment following completion of an associate degree through the Tennessee reconnect grant, established under § 49-4-944;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-914, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any provision of law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery, the amount of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship and Tennessee HOPE scholarship for nontraditional students awarded to a student attending an eligible four-year postsecondary institution is two thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$2,550) for full-time attendance for each semester.

(b) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any provision of law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery, a Tennessee HOPE scholarship



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awarded to a student attending an eligible two-year postsecondary institution is one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) for full-time attendance for each semester.

(c) The amount of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship awarded to a student attending an eligible two-year postsecondary institution that provides on-campus housing is the same as the amount provided in subsection (a).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Certificate" or "diploma" means a credential, other than a degree, the receipt of which indicates satisfactory completion of training in a technical education program of study offered by an eligible postsecondary institution;

(2) "Course" includes a course taken at an eligible postsecondary institution, or the equivalent at a Tennessee college of applied technology;

(3) "Eligible postsecondary institution" has the same meaning as defined in § 49-4-902. "Eligible postsecondary institution" also means a private, nonprofit technical school that:

(A) Has had its primary campus domiciled in this state for at least seventy-five (75) consecutive years;

(B) Is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education; and

(C) In addition to offering diploma, certificate, and associate degree programs, offers a baccalaureate degree through an articulation agreement with a regionally accredited postsecondary institution;

(4) "Semester" has the same meaning as defined in § 49-4-902;

(5) "TCAT" means a Tennessee college of applied technology operated by the board of regents; and

(6) "Tuition," also referred to as "in-state tuition" or "maintenance fees," means the enrollment or registration fee charged for instruction in a course,

which is calculated by multiplying a dollar amount by the number of semester credit hours in which a student enrolls, or the equivalent fee for a course measured by clock hours. "Tuition" does not include any other fees assessed by an institution to its students, including, but not limited to, mandatory fees, online or technology fees, application fees, book or material fees, access fees, course fees, or other fees charged to students for a specific purpose, activity, facility, or service, whether calculated on the number of credit hours or clock hours or whether charged as a flat rate.

(b) It is the intent of the general assembly that the purposes of the dual enrollment grant are:

(1) To provide an opportunity for Tennessee high school students to earn an initial technical credential or a semester of college credit by high school graduation, free of tuition and fees; and

(2) To encourage TCATs to establish technical middle college programs, in partnership with local education agencies, that permit students to earn an advanced technical certificate or diploma by their high school graduation.

(c) A high school student is eligible for a dual enrollment grant if the student:

(1) Is a resident of this state, as classified pursuant to § 49-8-104;

(2) Is admitted to an eligible postsecondary institution as a dual

enrollment student, and if the student:

(A) Is a junior or senior in high school; or

(B) Has completed the eighth grade and is enrolled in a TCAT;

and

(3) Submits an application, as required by TSAC.

(d)

(1) A student may receive a dual enrollment grant for one (1) or more courses per semester at one (1) or more eligible postsecondary institutions.

(2) To be eligible for a dual enrollment grant for a semester beyond the first semester of the student's receipt of a dual enrollment grant, the student must continue to meet all eligibility requirements for the grant and must achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 for all postsecondary courses attempted under a dual enrollment grant.

(3) Notwithstanding subdivision (d)(2), a student enrolled in a clock hour course that is not completed within one (1) semester maintains eligibility for the grant in the subsequent semester if the student attends the number of clock hours required for grant disbursement for the course and continues to meet all eligibility requirements. Continuing eligibility under this subdivision (d)(3) is applicable to a student previously enrolled in a clock hour course who transfers to another eligible postsecondary institution in the subsequent semester.

(e) A course attempted by a dual enrollment student does not count toward the limitation on receiving a Tennessee HOPE scholarship under § 49-4-913.

(f) If a dual enrollment student enrolls in an eligible public postsecondary institution after graduation from high school, then the eligible public postsecondary institution shall not deny credit toward an associate or baccalaureate degree for a college course taken as a dual enrollment student if the student successfully completed the course. If the dual enrollment course was not taken at the institution in which the student enrolls after graduation from high school, then the course must qualify for transfer credit.

(g) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly and any law relating to a shortfall in funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from the net proceeds of the state lottery:

(1) A student who is eligible to receive a dual enrollment grant pursuant to this section is eligible to receive a dual enrollment grant for no more than:

(A) One thousand two hundred ninety-six (1,296) clock hours at a TCAT; or

(B) Ten (10) courses measured by semester hours at an eligible postsecondary institution that offers degrees;

(2) The award for a dual enrollment course taken at a TCAT is the average tuition established annually by the board of regents for regular in-state students at Tennessee colleges of applied technology, plus an additional dual enrollment access fee of five percent (5%) of the average tuition;

(3) For the first five (5) dual enrollment semester-hour courses taken at an eligible postsecondary institution, the award for a dual enrollment grant is the average tuition established annually by the board of regents for regular in-state students at community colleges, plus an additional dual enrollment access fee of five percent (5%) of the average tuition;

(4) Notwithstanding subdivision (g)(3), the award for a course taken at an eligible postsecondary institution, as described in subdivisions (a)(3)(A) - (C), that is one (1) of a student's first five (5) dual enrollment courses, is the award described in subdivision (g)(2) if the course satisfies the requirements of a certificate or diploma program;

(5) An eligible postsecondary institution shall not charge a student receiving a dual enrollment grant under subdivisions (g)(2) - (4) tuition or fees in excess of the student's dual enrollment grant award, as established in the respective subdivision. However, an eligible postsecondary institution may charge a student receiving a dual enrollment grant costs actually incurred by the eligible postsecondary institution on the student's behalf, including, but not limited to, book and material costs, digital book and material costs, special examination fees, industry certification fees, and board examination fees;

(6) For a student's sixth through tenth dual enrollment semester-hour courses taken at an eligible postsecondary institution, TSAC shall determine the award per semester credit hour; and

(7) Any increase in the tuition rate upon which the dual enrollment grant award is established pursuant to subdivisions (g)(2) and (g)(3) is subject to the binding range of allowable percentage adjustment for tuition as annually approved by THEC pursuant to § 49-7-202(n)(3)(A).

(h) TSAC may promulgate rules to establish award amounts at eligible postsecondary institutions and to otherwise effectuate the intent and purposes of this section. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-933(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(b) This section applies to a student who:

(1) Was in state custody at any time after the student reached thirteen (13) years of age;

(2) Was in state custody at any time after the student reached thirteen (13) years of age and was placed for adoption by the department of children's services or one of its adoption contract agencies, and the adoption was finalized; or

(3) Was in state custody and placed in permanent guardianship by the department of children's services after reaching thirteen (13) years of age.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-944(c)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(5) Be at least twenty-three (23) years of age by January 1 of the academic year in which the student enrolls in courses leading to completion of an eligible program of study, or be an independent student as determined by the FAFSA;

SECTION 6. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2410

House Bill No. 2157*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

49-9-1101. Establishment of the institute of American civics.

(a) There is established an institute of American civics at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The board of trustees for the University of Tennessee may rename the institute consistent with its philanthropic naming governance procedures.

(b) It is the purpose of the institute to:

(1) Foster a deeper understanding of the structures and institutions of federal, state, and local government;

(2) Further the understanding of the principles and philosophies that contributed to the foundation and development of the United States and the state of Tennessee;

(3) Promote civil discourse and constructive debate;

(4) Enhance education in the fields of politics, economics, philosophy, American history, American government, and other related fields as appropriate, with a focus on the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship; fundamental democratic principles; and the ways in which those principles are expressed in our federal, state, and local institutions;

(5) Provide nonpartisan resources to students, faculty, state government agencies, and the general public regarding civic affairs;



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(6) Foster civic engagement through full and fair discussions that promote civil dialogue among those holding conflicting points of view; and

(7) Assist in ensuring that the University of Tennessee serves as a robust marketplace of ideas for all students and faculty.

(c) In order to carry out the purposes set forth in subsection (b), the institute is authorized, at the discretion of the president of the University of Tennessee, to:

(1) Hire faculty and staff;

(2) Enroll students;

(3) Develop and offer courses in new undergraduate major and minor programs;

(4) Offer general education and honors courses;

(5) Provide and facilitate internships and other relevant experiences for students and the general public;

(6) Hold events; and

(7) Take other actions as deemed appropriate by the president of the University of Tennessee.

(d) Upon its establishment, the institute may be physically housed in the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

(e) The institute shall operate as an academic unit within the University of Tennessee.

49-9-1102. Board of fellows.

(a) The president of the University of Tennessee, with the approval of the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives, shall appoint members to serve on a board of fellows for the institute. Members of the initial board of fellows must be appointed by September 1, 2022.

(b) The board of fellows must consist of thirteen (13) members, of which:

(1) At least nine (9) members must be, or have been, tenured professors or administrators or professors of practice at an institution of higher education in the United States;

(2) Two (2) members must be distinguished former elected or appointed officials in the United States, and, while serving in their former elected or appointed position, must have been affiliated with different political parties; and

(3) Two (2) members must also be members of the board of the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. If a member appointed under this subdivision (b)(3) vacates the member's position on the board of the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy, then the member vacates the member's position on the board of fellows and must be replaced by the president of the University of Tennessee.

(c) The term for each member of the board of fellows is six (6) years. Board members may continue to serve after their term on the board has expired, but only until a new member is appointed.

(d) The president of the University of Tennessee may remove a member from the board of fellows for misconduct or neglect of duty.

(e) If a vacancy exists on the board of fellows, then the board shall, subject to approval by the president of the University of Tennessee, the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives, select a new member of the board to serve the remainder of the term.

(f) The president of the University of Tennessee, in consultation with the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives, shall designate a member of the board of fellows to serve as the chair for a term of two (2) years. At the expiration of the chair's term, the president of the University of Tennessee shall appoint another member to serve as chair. There is no limitation on the number of terms a chair may serve. If the chair resigns from the position of chair, or

resigns from the board of fellows, then the president of the University of Tennessee may designate another member to serve the remainder of the former chair's two-year term.

(g) The board of fellows shall advise the president of the University of Tennessee and the director appointed pursuant to § 49-9-1103 on matters related to the institute, including, but not limited to, staffing, curriculum, policy, and programming. The director retains final discretion as to all such decisions for the institute.

49-9-1103. Director; faculty and staff.

(a) By March 1, 2023, the board of fellows shall conduct a national search and transmit to the president of the University of Tennessee a list of finalists for the position of director. The president of the University of Tennessee shall appoint the director and any subsequent directors if the director position becomes vacant.

(b) The director shall report to the chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

(c) Except for the appointment of the director as provided in subsection (a), the director shall make all faculty and staff hiring decisions.

(d) Faculty of the institute may be awarded tenure subject to the tenure policies of the University of Tennessee as adopted by the board of trustees, and shall not be required to gain joint appointment in another division of the University of Tennessee.

(e) By September 1, 2023, and each September thereafter, the director shall provide a strategic plan for the institute to the president of the University of Tennessee system and the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee for their review and approval.

49-9-1104. Use of funds.

Funds appropriated to the institute shall not supplant any existing state funding or private or external donations to the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy or to the University of Tennessee. Appropriated funds and all private and external donations to the institute may only be used for the direct operation of the institute.

49-9-1105. Annual report.

(a) By October 1, 2023, and each October 1 thereafter, the president of the University of Tennessee shall, in consultation with the director of the institute and the board of fellows, submit an annual report to the governor, the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chairs of the finance committees of the senate and the house of representatives.

(b) The report must include:

(1) The total amount of funding received by the institute in the previous year;

(2) A description of current faculty positions and the names and qualifications of the faculty members currently holding such positions;

(3) A description of the courses and degrees offered by the institute;

(4) The names and titles of the members of the board of fellows;

(5) The total undergraduate and graduate student enrollment of the institute;

(6) A description of significant community events, initiatives, and publications provided by the institute during the previous year;

(7) A description of programs at the University of Tennessee supported by the institute; and

(8) A copy of the institute's most recent strategic plan.

SECTION 2. The headings to sections in this act are for reference purposes only and do not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the Tennessee Code Commission is requested to include the headings in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 3. If a provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this act are severable.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2153*

House Bill No. 2316

by deleting subsection (d) of Section 2 and redesignating the subsequent subsection accordingly.

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House Higher Education Subcommittee Am. #1

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2680

House Bill No. 2739*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708(c)(1)(A), is amended by deleting "in the fall term following" and substituting "no later than sixteen (16) months after the student's".

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to students seeking a Tennessee Promise scholarship on or after that date.



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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2706

House Bill No. 2816*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a)

(1) The Tennessee student assistance corporation (TSAC) shall administer a law enforcement fellows program for talented Tennesseans who aspire to have a career in law enforcement.

(2) Participation in the law enforcement fellows program is limited to:

(A) College juniors, seniors, and post-baccalaureate candidates:

(i) Who are citizens of this state; and

(ii) Who are admitted to degree programs, identified by

TSAC as leading to a career in law enforcement in this state; and

(b) Recipients who pledge to work in law enforcement in this state

for at least four (4) years.

(3) Recipients must maintain continuous enrollment in a degree program leading to a career in law enforcement at an eligible postsecondary institution within this state.

(4) Each fellowship award is in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and is renewable up to three (3) times, contingent upon satisfactory academic progress.

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(A) Recipients who are employed in law enforcement in this state shall receive forgiveness of the fellowship balance based on one (1) year's law enforcement service for each year the fellowship was awarded or proportionate credit for a part-time service, as defined by TSAC's rules.

(B) TSAC shall forgive the loan due to the death or permanent disability of the recipient.

(b)

(1) TSAC shall promulgate rules to develop criteria for the purpose of identifying degree programs and administering the law enforcement fellows program. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(2) All scholarship loans must be evidenced by notes made payable to TSAC, which must bear interest at the rate of nine percent (9%) per year beginning September 1 after completion of the program, or immediately after termination of the scholarship loan, whichever is earlier. The scholarship loan may be terminated by the recipient withdrawing from school or by the recipient not meeting the standards set by TSAC.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible postsecondary institution" means:

(A) A public four-year college or university; or

(B) A private postsecondary institution accredited by a regional accrediting association that has its primary campus domiciled in this state; and

(2) "Law enforcement officer" means any police officer of a Tennessee municipality, any commissioned member of the department of safety, the wildlife resources agency, or the Tennessee bureau of investigation, and any Tennessee county sheriff or deputy sheriff actually engaged in law enforcement, or any

correctional officer employed by the department of correction or the department of children's services.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.